



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Schuele et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/614,916

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**For:** METHOD OF FABRICATING A  
CONTACT STRUCTURE HAVING A  
COMPOSITE BARRIER LAYER  
BETWEEN A PLATINUM LAYER AND A  
POLYSILICON PLUG

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**AMENDMENT**

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This amendment is in response to the Office Action of July 23, 2004 whose initial period of response is set to expire on October 23, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.